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Excelentissmo e Reverendissmo
Monsenhor Pablo Puente
Venerando Nuncio Apostolico
Jakarta

Most Reverend Excellency,

My most sincere and respected compliments.

Satisfying the request of your Excellency in your letter N 4755/85, I present this brief report on religious, cultural, and humanitarian aspects of East Timor.

I do not have a complete in depth report. Within my potentialities, what I know I will present to Your Excellency in a critical and realistic manner. Not hidding anything, not wishing to manifest undue optimism, nor wanting to see everything black. As the one who has observed, I verify I live and I reflect what I express in this short report.

There is much evil and disorder to elaborate on, for that reason I have had an excess of work during these past weeks. I had just returned from Atauro when I received the incumberance of "Senhor Nuncio". I have been very tired, because of the hours and hours of confession after carrying out about 400 Confirmations. Furthermore, the contact brings out the suffering of the people and I see so much misery remaining psychologically underneath. Adding to the accumulation, tomorrow I have to direct a week of spiritual practice by the "Carmelitas" novices. In the meanwhile, a desire by my superior is an order, like our teaching "Don Bosco" of the Salesians. Yet in spite of the tiredness and being most occupied, I go on with the report. I hope it serves something and contributes to produce peace for East Timor.

Without anything more of importance to communicate, I renew my greetings and kissing the holy ring, I sign my name.

I am the humble servant of the Senhor

Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, SDB
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